

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Christopher Douglas BLAIR et al.

Appl. No.: New Group: Unknown

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For: SIGNAL MONITORING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 14, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the parent case, Application No. 9/500,800, similar claims were rejected as anticipated by BROWN et al. 5,535,261, MALONEY et al. 5,696,811 and 5,818,907, PATTISON et al. 5,946,375 and 6,058,153, and as obvious over KOSICH 4,924,488.

As an initial matter, applicants ask that any further rejection be sufficiently detailed so that applicants can fairly